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SUBJ: DAYAN'S MEETING WITH THE SHAH

1. DAYAN GAVE ME THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 30, A BRIEF
RUNDOWN ON HIS SECRET MEETING WITH THE SHAH IN TEHRAN
DEC 27.
2. DAYAN SAID THE SHAH WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF BEGIN'S
PROPOSALS AND OF THE WHOLE SADAT-INITIATED NEGOTIATING
PROCESS. THE SHAH BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HUSSEIN
TO GET INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS SOON AND WOULD TRY TO
WORK ON HIM IN THAT DIRECTION. HOWEVER, DAYAN REMAINS
VERY DOUBTFUL THAT HUSSEIN WOULD BE PERSUADED IN THE
NEAR FUTURE TO DO SO.
3. DAYAN SAID THAT THE SHAH HAD TALKED TO HIM AT LENGTH
ABOUT THE THREAT POSED BY INCREASING SOVIET ARMS SHIP-
MENTS TO IRAQ AND TO OTHER RADICAL ARAB STATES. THE
SHAH SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSURED IRAQ THAT THE
KURDS WILL NOT MAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR THEM IF IRAQ AND
SYRIA TAKE MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE NEAR
FUTURE. DAYAN CLAIMED THAT THE SHAH WAS MUCH MORE
WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET INSPIRED
MILITARY MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAN
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HE WAS. THE SHAH WAS LOOKING AT THE WHOLE EVOLVING
SITUATION AS HAVING A GOOD DEAL MORE OF A SOVIET
THREAT DIMENSION IN IT THAN HAD BEEN DAYAN'S VIEW.
HE SAID THE SHAH WAS VERY GLOOMY. HE HAD STRESSED
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT BY THE SOVIET DEFENSE
MINISTER RECENTLY TO LIBYA, SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS AND
SUPPORT OF OTHERS OF THE RADICAL ARAB STATES, AND SO

FORTH -- AND HAD INTERSPERSED HIS REMARKS WITH COMMENTS ABOUT HOW THE US WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED AND WAS DOING NOTHING TO STEM THIS GROWING DANGER. THE SHAH TOLD DAYAN THAT HE HAD AN OUTSTANDING INVITATION TO GO TO EGYPT, AND HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GOING SOON HIMSELF TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND JORDAN TO TRY TO BOLSTER THE RESOLVE OF THE MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN THOSE COUNTRIES TO MOVE RAPIDLY IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL. THE SHAH SAID, ACCORDING TO DAYAN, THAT WHILE HE DID NOT SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY, HE WOULD SUPPORT IT AS A NECESSARY FALL-BACK IN VIEW OF THE GROWING SOVIET THREAT, UNLESS THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED WITH JORDAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DAYAN SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THE SHAH NEVER MENTIONED JERUSALEM IN THIS CONVERSATION, BUT THAT HE INSISTED REPEATEDLY THAT THE WEST BANK PROBLEM HAD TO BE SETTLED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A FIRM LINK TO JORDAN. THE SHAH HAD BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE INTERESTED IN DAYAN'S EXPOSITION TO HIM OF THE DETAILS OF THE BEGIN PROPOSAL. HE WAS PREOCCUPIED RATHER WITH THE BROADER STRATEGIC PROBLEM OF THE SOVIET "OFFENSIVE VIA THE RADICAL ARABS."

4. I SUGGEST THIS MESSAGE BE REPEATED TO TEHRAN FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, TO WARSAW FOR THE SECRETARY, BRZEZINSKI, AND ATHERTON, TO AMMAN FOR AMBASSADOR
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